


REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2009. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-20, and 22-42 were pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13, and 19 have been cancelled herein to expedite issuance of the present application and without prejudice to the presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims relating to the same or similar subject matter of the cancelled claims. Allowed claims 14-18, 20, and 22-42 remain pending. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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